Australian Community Indictors Network Video Seminars

The Australian Community Indicators Network (ACIN) aims to assist people using or developing community indicators to share ideas and information, and to foster collaboration. The Network aspires to build a national dialogue and knowledge base across community indicator policy, research and practice. Further details can be found at the ACIN website.

Abstracts and Information

2011

Seminar 2
Key Australian Community Indicators Initiatives
16 September 2011

Abstract:
This seminar features three presentations on current key Australian community indicator initiatives.

In the first presentation, Mike Salvaris speaks about the emerging initiative, the Australian National Development Index (ANDI), Australia's first and only participatory, interactive and community-based national tool for defining, measuring and understanding the progress of Australia.

Sue Taylor gives the second presentation, talking about the ABS's Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP) and the national consultation process that ABS is undertaking for MAP, showing how ABS has measured progress through history; what has been done most recently; why they are embarking on this consultation; what it is trying to achieve and how you can contribute to this national conversation.

In the third presentation, Anthony McGregor provides an overview of the Australian Government's work on developing sustainability indicators for Australia. He will outline the scope and objectives of the program and provide an update on the development of the national indicator set.

Speakers:
Mike Salvaris is Adjunct Professor, Applied Human Rights and Community Wellbeing Research at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. He has a particular research interest in community wellbeing

Presentations and Videos

Mike Salvaris presentation slides

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Sue Taylor presentation sides

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Anthony McGregor presentation slides

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measures as a means for citizen engagement, community development and stronger democracy.

Sue Taylor is Director of Social and Progress Reporting at the ABS. Sue has worked at the ABS for 15 years and has previous experience working in Demography and in Labour statistics.

Anthony McGregor is Director of Sustainability Policy and Indicators at the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and has worked on environmental, sustainability and climate change policy issues within the Australian Government for the past eight years.

Seminar 1
Best Practice and Emerging
Principles in the Community Indicators Movement
11 May 2011

Abstract:
This presentation provides an overview of new developments in the realm of community and urban indicators around the world, with a view to understanding the key alternatives available when designing and implementing an indicator system, and the implications of these decisions for the impact of the system on people, policy and trends. Themes are drawn from the community indicators, policy, and sustainable development literature. Case examples are drawn primarily from North America, with an in-depth consideration of three key indicator system developments in the Vancouver region, innovative for different reasons: the Vancouver Foundation's Vital Signs project, the regional government's indicator initiatives, and the Olympic Games Impact system being conducted on behalf of the International Olympic Committee.

Speaker:
Associate Professor Meg Holden studies and advances the prospects for a politics, culture and design of urban sustainability within tomorrow’s cities. Best known within the community indicators field is her work on urban sustainability and quality of life indicators, which has involved research in North American cities as well as practice in developing indicator systems in Vancouver and advising within the international indicators community through the Community Indicators Consortium, the Canadian Sustainability Indicators Network, Metropolis: The World Association of Major Metropolises, and others. At the time of the seminar Meg was in Melbourne as a Visiting Scholar in the Global Cities Research Institute at RMIT University.